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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed September 30, 2005 in connection with the above-identified application, please consider the following remarks.

REMARKS

By this Office Action, the Examiner has required restriction to the following inventions under 35 U.S.C. §121:

Species A. Figures 1-4.

Species B. Figures 5-9.